

QUAKERS HARD AFTER OLD ELL.

MIKE MURPHY, the noted athletic trainer, believes that Pennsylvania will come very close to winning the intercollegiate championships. As a rule, he feels confident that the Quakers will give Old Ell a great struggle for first honors, and the opinion of this expert will be received with respectful consideration. In a resume of the situation, written for the Journal, Mr. Murphy says:

"Weavers should win both the 100 and 220, with Hoffman, of Pennsylvania, and Jarvis, of Princeton, and Patterson, of Williams, fighting for the place. Then there is Maybury, of Wisconsin, a very good sprinter. In the 100 the finish will be close, but I think Hoffman should take the place in the 220.

"Burke should win the 440, with Colefelt, of Princeton; Fisher and Garvan, of Yale; Hillary, of Pennsylvania, and Vincent and Fish, of Harvard, struggling for the place.

"The half-mile run should be a certainty for Hollister, of Harvard, with Cregan, of Princeton; Groat and Lane, of Pennsylvania, and Hunkley, of Yale, in a rush for the places. Grant and Cregan are about the best of the lot.

"While the mile will be a hard race for Orton, yet he should win it. Wright, of Brown, and Cregan, of Princeton, will keep him on the move.

"Ferguson, of Pennsylvania, should win the mile walk easily, with Butler and Darrack, of Yale, the next best. Harvard also has a couple of men who can do in the neighborhood of seven minutes, and may score points for that university.

"Perkins, of Yale, will win the 120-yard hurdle race, and with Thompson, Van Ingen and Van Buren to help the winner Yale should score 6 points sure. Bjur, of Columbia; Fox, of Harvard, and McKibbin, of Pennsylvania, will make a lively bid for place points.

"Perkins, of Yale, should also win the 220-yard hurdle race, with Bastian and Remington, of Harvard, and Morse and Warren, of Harvard, and Bjur, of Columbia, making the fight for the place points. They are all about 25-35 men.

"The high jump should go to Winsor, of Pennsylvania, with Morse, of Harvard; Merwin, of Yale; Huff, of Georgetown, and Wood of Columbia, with three feet six, fighting for the other points.

"Remington, of Pennsylvania, should win the broad jump, with Clark, of Harvard, and Cheever, of Yale, getting the remaining points.

"The pole vault should be close between Howard, of Harvard; Johnson, of Yale; and Winkle, of Yale; Stewart, of Pennsylvania, and Smith, of Columbia. While Hoyt will probably win, yet he will have a lively time of it, and the Yale men are liable to get six points.

"If Sheldon competes he will win the shot. Woodruff, of Pennsylvania, has a chance, and cannot compete with Sheldon and Woodruff out, McCracken, of Pennsylvania, is about the best, as he can do about forty-one feet.

"You will observe that in my estimate I have given to the probable winner all the points to which they are entitled, and any disappointing performances will materially change the results. I base my opinion on the present form of the men, and there may be changes before the contests take place.

"George W. Orth, the Pennsylvania distance runner, also takes a hand at prophesying. While he differs in some minor details, he figures that Pennsylvania will give Yale a hard fight, but concedes one point advantage to the blue. Orth expresses the opinion that the struggle for the championship between Yale and Pennsylvania will be very close, and that a little ill luck or an off day for any of their point winners may turn the tide in either direction and give the victory to the more favored party. Calculations such as the above cannot be fully trusted, as some of the best well-known men from the colleges may turn out dark horses and upset all the calculations of the rivals for the championships by winning an event or events on which they are now counting. At any rate, the great number of entries (630) and the high-class athletes in every race guarantee to the followers of athletics one of the grandest set of games ever held in America.

VENCEDOR IN OCEAN RACING.

THE salt water performance of ex-Commander Henry M. Gillis's new yacht Vencedor will be watched with interest not only by members of the Larchmont Club, in which the Lake Michigan built boat is now enrolled, but as well by yachtsmen all along the great lakes.

Her actual powers have never been fully tested. She was built for the purpose of the Interlake-International race, which was sailed on Lake Erie off Toledo last August, and which ended in a fiasco.

Two races were sailed in this contest for an international trophy between Vencedor, of the Lincoln Park Yacht Club, Chicago, and Canada, of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto.

Vencedor was under-canvased, and the first day's race sailed under light slanting wind proved Canada the better light-weather boat with Vencedor in her then trim.

The second day brought a stiff breeze and a lump of a sea. It was Vencedor's day all around, and she had the race in her own hands, but at the last minute her skipper threw it away by mistaking the finish buoy.

Pretious to the important race with Canada the Chicago boat had only one race to her credit, in which she gave Zelma, of the Royal Canadian Club, a good beating during the Centennial Regatta, at Cleveland, in August. In this race she was under-canvased and had all her cruising damage aboard.

Before leaving Lake Michigan Vencedor was in the hands of a repairer. On July 4, at the Milwaukee regatta of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association, she was defeated by her sister ship-keels Vanenna and Siren. They interfered with the race, and neither Siren nor Vencedor finished. Vanenna's captain claimed to have sailed the race, although the official boat itself never went near the outer mark, and the judges had no personal knowledge of where either of the three were during the greater part of the race.

Later Vencedor and Siren went against each other in a regatta of the Lincoln Park Yacht Club, at Chicago. The race was sailed in a light fluky wind and Siren won in time allowance. Shortly after this race Vencedor started for Lake Erie to keep her engagement with Canada. After her return to Lake Michigan in September, she sailed a special match race against Siren, best two out of three.

She won two consecutive races with the best of her crew, and in one of the races she was ever experienced by the Chicago yachtsmen. She was still in her Lake Erie trim, however, and no accurate



CHAMPION WINNIPEG, WHO WILL ROW AT HENLEY.

STORIES OF THE BOXERS.

THE Marquis of Queensberry rules, under which boxing bouts are conducted in the local Horton law clubs, are limited to a dozen paragraphs, and do not cover some of the essential points that arise during a fight. It is expressly stipulated, however, that in all questions not covered by the Queensberry rules the London rules shall govern. In paragraph 25 of the London rules, bearing on the duties of the referee, this statement is found: "The decision in all cases to be given promptly and irrevocably."

According to that provision, the referee cannot change his decision after it is once made, and he is also required to make his decision promptly.

Many of the referees and club officials in this vicinity seem to be under the impression that decisions can be changed at will, but a glance at the rules will convince them of their error. A glaring instance of ignorance of the rules was shown at the Port West bout, when Referee Abraham made three decisions on one fight. Port West was helpless and unable to defend himself in the fifth round, when the police intervened. The referee decided in favor of West, which was proper, as Port West was practically knocked out and unable to continue.

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